

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

June 3, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to a Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 80, as introduced, Hill. Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California.

This measure would declare the Legislature's support for a Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California that resolves to invest in all children and youth so that certain goals may be achieved.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council,
2 which is made up of leaders from multiple disciplines throughout
3 San Mateo County, has a mission to formulate policies that
4 effectively address the needs and foster the healthy development
5 of children, youth, and families; and

6 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council
7 believes that all children and youth have rights to live in a just,
8 moral, and supportive society; all children and youth have the same
9 rights regardless of their culture, race, gender or gender identity,
10 sexual orientation, religion, or disability; and all children and youth
11 have the right to a better world than they inherited; and

12 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council has
13 drafted the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council Bill of Rights
14 for the Children and Youth of San Mateo County to draw the

1 attention of all county and local agencies, parents, guardians, and
2 private enterprises, and to provide guidance in decisionmaking in
3 order to address the needs and foster the healthy development of
4 all children, youth, and families; and

5 WHEREAS, The principles and goals of the Peninsula
6 Partnership Leadership Council Bill of Rights for the Children and
7 Youth of San Mateo County are equally applicable at the statewide
8 level; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature supports a Bill of Rights
11 for the Children and Youth of California that resolves to invest in
12 all children and youth so that the following goals may be achieved:

13 (1) They have healthy minds, bodies, and spirits that enable
14 them to maximize their potential.

15 (2) They each develop a healthy attachment to a parent,
16 guardian, or caregiver, and an ongoing relationship with a caring
17 and supportive adult.

18 (3) Their essential needs are met, including, but not limited to,
19 nutritious food, shelter, clothing, health care, and accessible
20 transportation.

21 (4) They have safe and healthy environments, including, but
22 not limited to, homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

23 (5) They have access to a 21st century education that promotes
24 success in life, in future careers, and a love of lifelong learning.

25 (6) They have training in life skills that will prepare them to
26 live independently, be self-sufficient, and contribute to their
27 community.

28 (7) They have employment opportunities with protections from
29 unfair labor practices.

30 (8) They have freedom from mistreatment, abuse, and neglect.

31 (9) They have a voice in matters that affect them.

32 (10) They have a sense of hope for their future; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature desires that every child and youth
34 in this state should have the opportunities set forth in the Bill of
35 Rights for the Children and Youth of California; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.